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Christina is a partner in our private client and tax team and works for the Los Angeles and Texas offices.

Christina focuses her practice on private client matters for high-net-worth individuals and families. Her practice encompasses all aspects of estate planning, wealth transfer planning, estate and trust administration, business succession planning, and charitable planning.

Christina's experience includes drafting complex wills and trust agreements. She routinely counsels clients on estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer tax issues and related federal and state income tax issues and has extensive experience in implementing sophisticated wealth transfer strategies, such as irrevocable life insurance trusts, dynasty trusts, grantor retained annuity trusts, complete and incomplete gift trusts and the gift and sale of assets to intentionally defective grantor trusts.

While she advises clients with diverse sources of wealth, she has developed a particular focus on advising entrepreneurs and owners of closely-held businesses in pre-liquidity, pre-IPO, and pre-transaction estate planning.

She also represents trustees, executors, and beneficiaries in the administration of trusts and estates and has experience with complex trust administrations, large probates, and preparing and reviewing federal estate and gift tax returns.

Christina is dually licensed in California and Texas and an important part of her practice includes assisting clients with connections to both states and who are relocating from California to Texas and vice versa.

Prior to joining Withers, she worked as an associate at two law firms with nationally recognized wealth planning and tax practices. Christina is recognized as "One to Watch" by Best Lawyers in 2024, 2023, and 2022.

Talks

• 'Introduction to the United States,' The Law Society, Private Client Section Cross Border Conference - March 25, 2021, co-presenter

External publications

'Is your US estate plan up to date?' Withers Insight - July 5, 2023, co-authored

Admissions

Texas, 2022

California, 2015

Maryland, 2014

Virginia (inactive)

Education

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C., LLM in Taxation, Certificate in Estate Planning, with distinction, 2014

University of Florida Levin College of Law. JD, Certificate in Trusts & Estates, cum laude, 2013

Rice University, BA Economics and Managerial Studies, 2008

Languages

English

Memberships

Maryland State Bar

Virginia State Bar

Key dates

Year joined: 2020

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